

Remarks

The present amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed January 29, 2009 where the Examiner allowed claims 2-7, 10-14, and 17-18. An Examiner's amendment was included to incorporate minor amendments into claims 5 and 14 and to incorporate the elements of claims 8 and 9 into independent claim 7 and consequently cancel claims 8 and 9. Applicant agreed to the amendments set forth in the Examiner's amendment.

In the present amendment, claim 7 has been amended to clarify the claim language, remove redundancies, and remove the phrase "the linear strip" for which there was no antecedent basis. Additionally, claims 10 and 11 have been amendment to correct their dependencies. These claims now depend from independent claim 7 and no longer depend from canceled claim 9. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendment prior to issuance of the claims.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation may be useful in advancing prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below. If necessary, applicant requests to extend the period for filing this reply pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) and authorizes the Director to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) or credit any overpayment(s) to Procopio Deposit Account No. 50-2075.

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